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# Rose talent performs tonight

by Al Hipplehouser

A rock band, magicians, a ragtimer, a harp soloist, a key-board man, and a pop artist will compete for \$115 in the 4th annual SAB talent show tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the WORX snack bar — and admission is free.

The Student Activity Board will award \$75 to the best act, \$25 to the second best, and \$15 for third prize. Five surprise faculty and staff members will judge the show.

Acts include a variety of entertaining presentations: David Brumbaugh and Tom Vorjohan

will both stupify Rose students with magic; Jeffery Nadeau will be "slapping those keys" with a rendition of ragtime on piano; Richard Payonk and Daniel Harrison will be harmonizing on a piano and vocal arrangement of a popular Harry Chapin song; Scott Tyring will be vocalizing and playing the guitar; one singing group called "Flock of Keyboards" will enrapture the anticipated capacity crowd; David Dvorak, winner of second place in last year's show, will strum a harp solo; and a rock band with members Mike Morrison, Piero Madau, Larry

Romine, and San Dlugach will jam with some rock music. Also, last year's first place winner, SPIRYT will be entertaining the audience with two pop-rock songs. SPIRYT has members Steve Proffitt, David Yates, Eric Utsler, Steve Seeley, and Brett Townsend.

Last year's talent extravaganza was the most successful event of SAB. The third place winners were Daryl Jones and David Yates who played a guitar-bass duet.

SAB is expecting a capacity crowd, so be sure to get to the WORX early for a good seat.



A new scoreboard for the fieldhouse was installed recently. The scoreboard is a most definite improvement, but it has yet to learn how to fudge scores in favor of our side. Bob Mattingly photo.

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## Room and board to increase

by Tim Eubank

Rising costs will affect Rose-Hulman once again next year. The proposed increase in the non-academic cost of attending Rose is 9.8%. This is an entirely separate totality from the academic cost and the two cannot be intermingled. Thus, all non-academic campus functions must be paid for from this fund. The 9.8% hike is primarily composed of a 12.9% (from \$930 to \$1050) rise in room rates and a 7.6% (\$1310-\$1410) board increase. These increases are

subject to approval by the board of managers. Vice President for Student Affairs Jess Lucas feels that there will not be much deviation from these figures, however.

The major catalysts of the rise are insurance for the campus facilities (25% increase), electricity (21%), fuel costs (10%), and water (40%). The cost of maintaining the union building will go up 14.3%. Food service will see a very modest incline of 3%. These components

will result in an overall rise of 9%. The 0.8% discrepancy is due to the fact that it is necessary to keep some sort of reserve to take care of any unforeseen events such as putting a new roof on a building, etc. This increase is down from the 13% rise that was experienced last year.

When taken in this context, Lucas states that the increase is not quite as displeasing. He also points out that the rates are well below those found at other comparable schools who do not provide nearly the services found here. For example, at Carnegie-Mellon students will encounter a projected room and board increase of 7.7% to \$3064. Similarly, Case-Western's room and board rate will rise 8.7% to \$2990.

Accompanying this increase at Rose will be a rise in tuition in the order of 6% to 13.5%. The exact amount of this increase hinges on the Board of Manager's approval of the use of the Institute's endowment to help offset costs. One main source for the increase in tuition is an increase in staff salaries of a projected 8%. A figure which Lucas points out is certainly not extravagant.

## Walkways to improve

by Tom Vorjohan

As the weeks go by, the progress in Olin Hall is seen, and by August of this year it should be completed. However, the damage of the work is also seen in the landscape of the campus with all of the mud. With any construction project, land is going to be destroyed; but the question is what are the plans from our 'mud hole'?

When Olin Hall is completed, the surrounding area will be seeded with grass and landscaped with trees and shrubs. Besides this, there are also plans for walkways around the campus.

Anyone who has walked from the library behind Deming to the Union has seen the mud slide. There are also mud paths from Moench Hall to the Apartments' parking lot and behind BSB Hall. Just recently, whiterock-lime has been put down in these and a few other well-traveled areas to act as a temporary "firm" pathway. This has helped, but according to Dr. Lucas, Dean of

Student Affairs, there are better ideas planned for the very near future.

According to Lucas, these whiterock-lime paths are only temporary, and, "eventually there will be sidewalks." But just how soon will this take place? "As soon as it gets warmer," replied Dr. Lucas.

The first step in the walkway plan is to lay railroad tie paths and put whiterock in them. Then later, during the summer, the walkways will be paved. The main paths will be behind Deming, behind BSB, and from Moench to the Apartments.

Along with the walkways, there are plans for curbing all around the campus. Dr. Lucas stated two main reasons for curbing: to stop the mud from washing onto the pavement and to stop cars from getting into the mud. This also is planned to start as soon as it gets warmer. So, we can look forward to the Spring when we will no longer need to wade through the mud just to get to class!

## All-Nights feature Bond

by Bob Peacock

Sean Connery (and George Lazenby) returns as 007 this Saturday in R.H.A.'s "All Night James Bond." These classic extravaganzas will be featured in the Main Dining Room in the Union Building. And to think, it only costs \$2.00 for men and \$1.00 for women. These prices include all soft drinks all night.

Here are the Films (in order of showing) and their approximate times:

7:00 p.m. You Only Live Twice  
9:15 p.m. On Her Majesty's Secret Service  
11:30 p.m. Diamonds Are Forever  
1:45 a.m. From Russia With Love  
4:00 a.m. Goldfinger  
These are approximate times,

however, the time schedule will be adhered to as much as possible. Each showing will also have approximately 15 minutes for a break in between each flick.

Come and settle in the intricate atmosphere provided. Only be sure to bring something to camp out the night with, such as chairs, blankets, pillows and especially (if possible) a warm female body to cuddle up to.

If you have never seen all of the above films, or even if you have, I'd recommend this worthwhile opportunity to catch these films. It's a CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!

Remember, these films all have in common: intrigue, women, violence, mystery, women, sex, and women. Don't miss them.

## '83 job search tougher

by Mike Sullivan

Although tough economic conditions have made this year's job market the tightest in years for seniors, Bill Sisson, Director of Corporate Relations and placement, is really optimistic.

Because the recession has slowed business everywhere, companies nationwide have been tightening their belts. Although they have not been hit as hard, even companies that need engineers have been slowed and some have been cancelling interviews and just cannot afford to send recruiters this year. Bill Sisson feels that "this is one of the toughest labor markets in (his) experience."

Despite the tough times, Sisson is very optimistic. The class of 1982 has reached 100% placement and the same is expected for this year's class. Many recruiters have expressed the opinion that the economy is bottoming out, and that they expect to have positions opening up in the spring.

Lucas is concerned because these increases are occurring at a time when financial aid is "at best stabilizing." "While it appears there may be a slight increase in state aid, the federal aid seems destined to maintain its current level." "The situation will definitely have an impact but I don't feel that it is a crisis," said Lucas. "Our main priority now is to help the students offset these rising costs."

To get a job in this year's buyer's market is just going to take a little more effort. There are probably a lot of companies with one or two job openings that cannot afford to recruit for this year. In addition to on-campus interviews, the placement office has set up three other options for seniors in an effort to squeeze the market dry and take advantage of every opportunity. First, the alumni, the Board of Directors, and the National Board of Directors have been asked to inform the placement office of any job opportunities they are aware of. Second, any senior that is sincerely interested in a company that has cancelled has been asked to sign up on the "cancelled sheet" and his resume will be sent with a letter asking companies to consider him if the need should arise in the future. Third, seniors who were very interested in companies that did not recruit this year can send their resumes to the office and they will also be sent to those companies with a similar letter. Bill Sisson is "really proud of the seniors" who have been "responding well" to the situation and have really put an effort into their job search.

Not surprisingly, summer job opportunities have also taken a beating this year. Even so, several companies have still interviewed on campus for these scarce positions. Other openings can be found by assertive letter campaigns and footwork.

## Varda named assistant coach

Pete Varda, one of the most successful football coaches in the history of the sport in the Wabash Valley, has been named a part-time assistant football coach at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Both Rose-Hulman Athletic Director John Mutchner and Head Football Coach Bob Thompson expressed pleasure at Varda's acceptance to join the Engineer coaching staff on a part-time basis.

"One of the strengths of our entire staff is that we've been able to attract several outstanding local part-time people who have made a great contribution to our program," said Mutchner. "Pete certainly fits into this category and we're glad to have him."

Thompson described Varda as having "one of the best football minds of anyone ever to coach in the Wabash Valley" and noted that Varda will coach wide receivers and tight ends in the passing game.

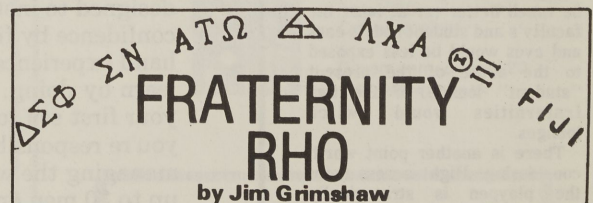
A native of Terre Haute, three-sport athlete and graduate of the former Garfield High School, Varda attended the University of Notre Dame on a football scholarship and competed in football, baseball and boxing. He earned the B.S. at Notre Dame,

an M.S. at the University of Michigan and the sixth year at Indiana State and Indiana universities.

In 19 years of high school coaching at Monroe, Mich., Terre Haute Schulte, Brazil and Honey Creek his teams compiled a record of 110 wins, 53 losses and seven ties. During his eight-year tenure at Schulte he

coached all sports as the program and facilities were being developed. He later was the first athletic director at Terre Haute South Vigo High School and in 1976 was inducted into the Indiana High School Football Hall of Fame.

Varda will continue as a guidance counselor at Terre Haute South Vigo High School.



by Jim Grimshaw

The Triangle Fraternity elected new officers last week. They are: Bob Techentin - President; George Bauer - Vice President; Vic Hasler - Secretary; Bill Flight-Treasurer; Jay Hoover - House Manager; Chris Wilcox - Activities Director; Rob Schryer - Steward.

It's always nice for the basketball team to see a lot of Rose-Hulman fans at an away game. The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity thought so too as

more than 50 of its members went to see the Wabash game at Crawfordsville last month. The fraternity has also added 20 new Little Sisters to its fraternity and a new chef, Nancy Graham, from Clinton.

Twenty ATO pledges and actives took a trip to their National Fraternity Headquarters last week in Champaign, Illinois. The Headquarters was relocated last year and now offers better facilities for the daily operations of the National Fraternity.



# The Secular Shroud

Commentary  
by David Slavin

It used to be that when problems became unsolvable, people invoked the name of God. Now when a problem becomes even mildly difficult to solve, the name of the U. S. Government is immediately invoked.

Every day our "compassionate" government is called on to feed the hungry, clothe and shelter the poor, aid the old and handicapped, protect the innocent, capture and punish the guilty, provide for an adequate defense, preserve the wildlife, and provide full-color photos of the surface of Mars at discount prices; all while maintaining a forest of data and statistics con-

cerning the economy, population demographics, and even Ted Kennedy doesn't know what all!

Our government's performance is expected to border on the miraculous as it must perform all of the above "required" duties on an inadequate and begrudgingly provided tax base, without, mind you, increasing either inflation or the prime interest rate.

Unlike God who can choose to work through human beings, the government is forced to work through sometimes inspired, sometimes incompetent, sometimes honest, sometimes dishonest, sometimes humble, sometimes power-hungry public servants. It would seem only

logical to conclude then that not only will the government's performance not be miraculous, it might well be woefully inadequate.

Yet even though major problems exist in the current system as evidenced by the budget deficit and the current recession, rather than supporting major re-evaluations of the proper duties of government, legislators are prescribing placebos, such as the delay in cost-of-living-adjustments for Social Security recipients, for our economic maladies.

What should our government do for us? Or rather, what should we do for ourselves through a governmental channel as opposed to an industrial, philanthropic, or religious channel. When government employees draft and enact laws, provide for and support a judicial system, and exercise the use of police and military force to enforce the nation's laws, they are acting in the political realm and are the duty appointed experts. When, however, they are administering social programs, educating the young, or collecting and providing statistical data, they are no longer the experts, but merely one of many alternative

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channels through which Americans' money can be converted into needed programs, social and otherwise.

Should the government employees educate the young? Should they administer retire-

ment insurance programs? Should they administer student loan programs? Maybe, maybe not. Remember, the government (i.e. Tip O'Neill and Ted Kennedy) is just one alternative.

## Letters to the Editor

To The Editor of the Thorn:

I feel that I must respond to the February 4 Thorn article "Noise Survey Indicates Hall Problem." I believe that my feelings and comments were misrepresented in the article.

Although I do feel that the survey indicates that we do have a noise problem of sorts, it is not an overwhelming or extremely serious problem. I was somewhat surprised by the results, but the results did not present a "shocking conclusion" nor do I plan "to retaliate with measures to reduce these statistics." (The word retaliate is far too strong).

We in the Student Affairs Office will attempt to address the noise concerns of 25% of our resident population (many of the 25% indicated noise was only a very occasional problem). I plan to work with the Residence Hall Association to develop some methods by which to improve the apparent problem. My current ideas on methods of noise reduction are taken directly from the survey responses. These ideas include:

1. Mandatory weekday quiet hours in freshman residence halls (10 P.M.-10 A.M.).
2. A more prominent role by Residence Assistants in enforcement of rules related to noise and quiet hours.
3. The creation of one or more quiet floors in the residence halls.

In summary, we do not currently plan "a much harder stance on noise in the future." However, we do plan to address

the needs of those students who desire a quieter environment. Our primary concern is the success (academic and personal) of each Rose student. It is our responsibility to provide a residence hall environment conducive to this success and also one which stimulates the personal growth of each individual.

Peter Gustafson

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So come on guys (???), give us a break. Act your age and not your I.Q.!

Name withheld by request.



# Thorn Sports

## Engineers lose out Centre

by Don Corson

They say basketball games are won or lost at the free throw line. If that's the case, Centre College threw a no-hitter at Rose-Hulman last Saturday as the Colonel cagers tripped the Engineers, 63-58, at Danville, Kentucky.

The Engineers, who were fouled just ten times in the contest, did not shoot a free throw all day while the hosts connected on 21 of 27 charity tosses to secure the victory and effectively lock up a Conference Athletic Conference basketball championship. Rose-Hulman trainer Til Panaranto commented after the game that he had never in his life seen a basketball game in which a team did not shoot a single free throw. Coach John Mutchner, though not strongly questioning the officiating, also expressed disbelief at such a rare statistic following the game.

At the outset of the contest, it appeared that the underdog Engineers had complete control. Rose never trailed in the first half and led by as many as six points before settling into a 32-28 lead at the intermission. At that

point it meant everything was going right as Rose was hitting 53.3 per cent from the field (16 of 30).

The second half began much as the first had ended as the Engineers continued to split the Centre defense and maintain a four to six point lead. About five minutes into the period, however, Rose went ice cold from the field. No one could buy a basket as the Engineers sagged into a four-for-twenty string from the field. The Colonels took the lead midway through the period and began to control the tempo, leading by as many as nine points. Rose was forced to foul in the final moments, giving the Colonels their big free throw advantage en route to the victory.

The Engineers' Dean Stanley led all scorers with twenty-two points, despite spending five minutes on the bench due to second-half foul trouble. Guard Rob "E" Ewing was the only other Engineer in double figures with twenty.

David Levitch paced Centre with twenty-one counters, nine of those coming from the charity stripe.

The loss dropped Rose-Hulman to 12-9 overall and to 5-3 in the C.A.C. Centre remained undefeated in the conference at 7-0 and upped its season ledger to 12-8. Though the Engineers are not mathematically eliminated from a shot at the conference crown, it would take an unforeseen act of Providence to wrest the title from Centre. The Colonels' remaining three contests include games with C.A.C. doormats Illinois College and Principia College, as well as the return bout with Rose-Hulman on February 19, at Shook Fieldhouse. The C.A.C. title and an automatic bid to the N.C.A.A. Division III tournament will be theirs if they win just one of those contests.

The next conference outing for Rose-Hulman will be a 7:30 contest tomorrow night versus Southwestern University at Memphis, Tennessee. The Engineers will return to the friendly confines of Shook Fieldhouse on Wednesday, February 16, to battle the defending national champion Wabash Little Giants whom they defeated by a 90-81 count earlier in the season at Crawfordsville.



Junior Keith Kemp demonstrates that freethrows were not the only forte of last week's game against Centre College. With only ten fouls, the Engineers did not make any free throws the entire game. Shots from the floor did not fair much better as the Engineers lost 63 to 58. Bob Mattingly photo.



## Grapplers in final stretch

by Bill Browning

The Rose-Hulman Wrestling team is now heading down the stretch of the season, and as always, the squad is down to the skin and bones. Injuries and studies have taken their toll so the team is now made up of only men who have survived this far.

Rose hosted Washington University and DePauw in a double duel Wednesday night, February 2. In each match Rose was forced to give up many points due to forfeits. The Engineers lost to DePauw 25-13 in the first match and then turned things around by defeating Washington U. 29-15. Freshman Paul Leeka (126) finally wrestled his potential and pinned both his opponents in the first period. At 142 Comp-Sci. major (heh-heh) Tom Eiderschink beat each of his

opponents decisively 15-5 and 18-2 to bring his season record to 12-8. Both Scott Sabo and Pat Moran collected a victory apiece while Tony Moshak won both 11-6 and by forfeit. It should be noted however that for once Rose has a 118 pounder.

Freshman Dave Coldren has been taking his lumps this year but has been wrestling better all the time. He comes so close to winning but somehow always ends up a bit short. He lost 12-11 to DePauw and 3-2 to a Washington U. wrestler I've seen place in many tough tournaments before. With just a little more experience and a little less food sauce he should prove to be a great competitor in the years ahead. (Stick with it Dave!)

Rose will travel away this Saturday to wrestle Illinois College at 1:00.

## Track team runs over opponents

Rose-Hulman's Indoor Track Team made a fine showing as they took first in the DePauw-Evansville meet which took place last February 4th in Shook Fieldhouse. The Engineers chalked up a total of 79 points in fifteen events, with Danville placing second with 60.5 points and DePauw finishing last with 21.5 points.

Rose swept the high jump, taking the top three positions in this event. Brad Zike led the way with his 6' 6" jump, followed by Terry Martin (6' 2") and Dave Smith (also 6' 2"). Senior E.E. Mike O'Brien won first place in the mile run with his time of 4:22.38, while Dave Beil topped the pole vault at 20' 8".

John Singleton set an institute record with his put of 52 feet, 4 and 3/4 inches in the shot put.

Other first places going to Rose-Hulman include Dave Smith in the high hurdles (8.11 seconds), and Brian Cavagnini 33.39 second time in the 300.

The wins, however, were not the only reason Rose won the meet. Out of the total of 79, only 35 points were from first places. Twenty-four points came from second places, sixteen points from third places, and four points from fourth places. Therefore, also contributing to Rose's triumph were the second showings of Erik Schneckloth in the long jump (20' 6"), Bryan Millard's in the 440 (55.19), Eric Mrozek in the 600 (1:19.6), Tracy Houpt in the 1000 (2:23.58), Brian Cavagnini in the 50, (5.69), Barton Polizotto in the 2 mile (9:59.28) and the mile relay team of Cavagnini, Vandelraan, Millard and Smith.



John Singleton (left) set an institute record in the shot put last Friday at the Indoor Track meet. Mike O'Brien (right) won the mile in that meet with a time of 4:22.38. Bob Mattingly photo.



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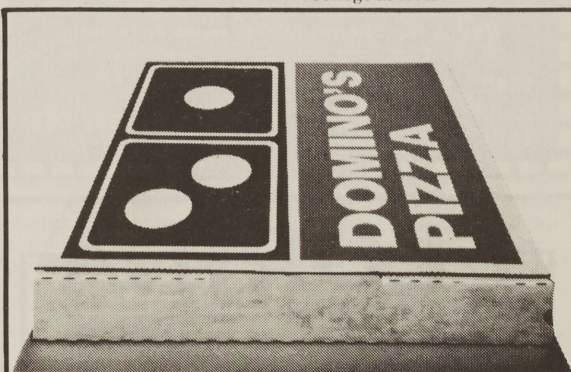
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**beret** — a hat that keeps an artist's hair out of his paint.

**chaperone** — one who is too old to get into the game, but still tries to intercept the passes.

**cliches** — fixtures of speech.

**coup d'etat** — rock and rule.

**decolletage** — too high for

lowbrows, too low for highbrows. **e pluribus unum** — a phrase that's been coined.

**fjord** — a Norwegian auto. **gesundheit** — the answer to the common cold.

**hula** — wild-waist show.

**igloo** — an icicle built for two.

**persons non grata** — the policeman who hands you a ticket for a moving violation, then says, "Have a nice day."

**siesta** — droop therapy.

**status quo** — Latin for the mess we're in.

**stucco** — what a lot of house hunters are getting these days.

**vice versa** — poetry not fit for

kiddies to read.

## ROTC hosts Military Ball

The Rose-Hulman R.O.T.C. is proudly presenting its 53rd annual military ball. The formal ball will begin at 7:00 Friday February 18th with the receiving line and cocktails. It will be held in the Hulman Memorial Union Building on the Rose campus. All R.O.T.C. cadets and their guests are invited, as well as all other military personnel in the Terre Haute area. The meal will be provided by the internationally famous gourmet chefs of A.R.A. while the entertainment will be dancing to the 74th Army Concert Band from Ft. Benjamin Harrison and our own Lt. Col. Gibson (if you think his jokes are funny you should see

him dance.) The price for the evening is \$20.00/couple and tickets can be purchased from any R.O.T.C. instructor or in the R.O.T.C. office.

The Military Ball traditionally honors the graduating members of the Cadet Battalion as well as departing cadre members. Some of the special guests invited are President Reagan, Gen. Haig, Gen. Dozier, Dr. Eifert, and Pope John Paul II. So far only Dr. Eifert has announced his attendance but the others should reply soon. All students enrolled in any R.O.T.C. course should attend or else the Ranger Ricks will force feed you black jello.

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## Job market collapses!!!

by Cheever Locknut  
Cub Reporter

As a final blow to the placement outlook for this year, the Placement Office has announced the cancellation of all remaining interviews for the rest of the school year. The move came as a response to the last phase of Raygunomics, which, as of this week, saw a major shift in the corporate tax structure. The new tax structure eliminated all corporate taxes for any company which makes any form of nuclear, biological, chemical or conventional weaponry, while simultaneously placing the balance of the tax burden on the remaining companies. This move, along with the Federal government's win in an anti-trust suit (filed by the Bell System), has devastated the job outlook for the coming two years.

Bill System, Head of the Placement Office, commented on the tragic occurrence. "I'm afraid Rose-Hulman just isn't putting out the type of student which is placeable under the new tax structure. Our napalm program is way out of date, we have no nuclear facilities, and our missile guidance classes were cancelled back in the 60s."

Not only were interviews cancelled, but previously extended offers were withdrawn. The only two seniors to receive offers were Elmer J. Davis and Jethro Bearscale, two E.E.'s whose senior project was a nuclear warhead. Commented Bearscale, "It's not like we didn't appreciate the job offer, but Libya is kinda far away. 'Reckon we'll take it anyway, though."

The placement outlook for Civil Engineers, however, is generally getting better. "Being pushed to the brink of a nuclear holocaust means a greater demand for missile silos, bomb shelters, bunkers and the like," said one graduating civil.

In an effort to try to retain its 100% placement record the Placement Office has announced plans to expand the graduate school program as well as the Buildings and Grounds program. Work-study will be given only to those who already hold a B.S. degree. "Those students have enough money," explained Paul

Sewer, Director of Financial Aid. "Those precious jobs should go to those who really need them — the graduating seniors. The jobs will, of course, be distributed based on need."

President's Raygun's surprise move to introduce the corporate tax reform bill was said to be taking advantage of an ill-

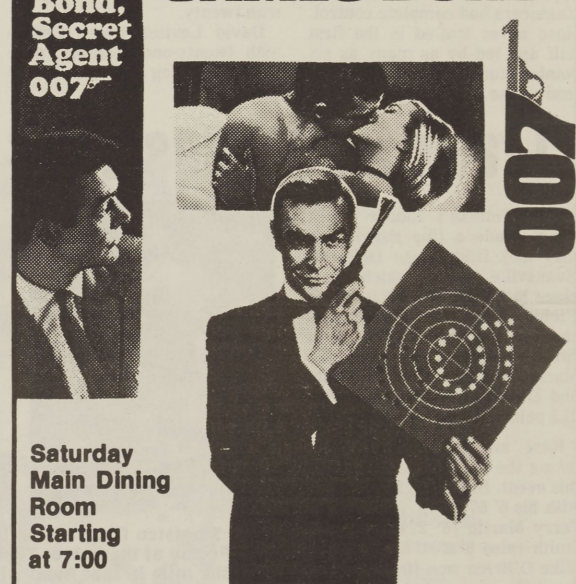
informed Congress. Since Doonsebury left the papers some weeks ago, Congress has been unable to keep up with political happenings. The tax reform bill was cleverly tacked on to the end of a congressional pay increase bill, which was then unanimously passed the next day by both houses.



Davis and Bearscale, the only seniors to be placed this year, display their senior project. F.B.I. photo.

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